(e) what is the number of cases investigated by the CBI in which departmental inquiries are still pending stating the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) According to DDA during the period 1971 to 1983 the C.B.I. registered 94 cases for inquiries.

(b) to (e) A Statement is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXXXV, Annexure No. 7].

Shortage of drinking water due to drought in Bundelkhand, U.P.

410. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of drinking water and unprecedented drought conditions prevailing in Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh virtually driving the inhabitants to starvation; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Government stating the nature and the quantum of the Central assistance given to the State Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) In the Memorandum submitted by the Government of Uttar Pradesh on 18th May, 1985, drought conditions were reported in 26 districts of the State, due to scanty rainfall during the period November, 1984 to March, 1985. The problem of drinking water was also reported in 43 districts of the State.

A ceiling of Central assistance of Rs. 51.78 crores has been sanctioned for drought relief measures. This includes Rs. 8.88 crores for Drinking Water Programme both in Rural areas and Urban areas and Rs. 23.45 crores for Employment Generation Programme.

Since administration of relief expenditure is the responsibility of the State Government concerned, it is for the State Government to make district-wise allocation under each head of relief.

Convention of agriculturists on Agricultural Prices

411. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from the Kisan Organisations for holding a natural convention of agricultural producers, members of the Central Price Commission and the officials of the Agriculture Ministry before prices of agricultural commodities are determined every year; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) No specific proposal of this nature has been received. However, the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices have already evolved a system of consultations with State Government, farmers' organisations and other concerned interests before formulating their price proposals.

Damage to Sugarcane crop

412. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey with regard to the damage suffered by the sugarcane crop in large parts of the country due to pyrilla; and

(b) if so, what is the extent of damage and to what extent it affected sugarcane recovery and sugar production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The Central and State Governments concerned conducted surveys of sugarcane crop to monitor the status of sugarcane pyrilla and its bio-control agents since April, 1985. The major incidence of sugarcane pyrilla was noticed only in the State of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab. Since the sugarcane crop was at early stage, massive ground control operations were launched by the State authorities and out of 5.79 lakh hectares of infested area, 4.63 lakh hectares of infested area was treated by the middle of July, 1985. Bio-control potential has also been identified at various places which is likely to build up rapidly during the current monsoon season. According to the latest available information from the State Governments, the pyrilla situation is now under control and the crop has been saved from damage.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply (a) above.

Purchase of Walt Disney Films

413. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan propose to buy Walt Disney films and dub these in various regional languages in a bid to boost the quality of children's films; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir It has been decided to procure 26 episodes of Walt Disney animated films of 25 minutes duration each at a total cost of US $ 11,050. On receipt of these series, its possibility for being dubbed in Hindi will be explored.

Corruption in the DDA

414. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a large scale corruption in the DDA;

(b) whether Government propose to set up a committee comprising Members of Parliament together with very high officials to go into the working of DDA; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) There have been complaints of corruption in the Delhi Development Authority.

(b) and (c) The working of D. D. A. was last reviewed by the Baveja Committee in the year 1978. There is no proposal to have a Committee comprising Members of Parliament together with high officials to go into the working of D. D. A. Complaints of corruption are investigated|enquired into as and when these come to the notice of Government and necessary action taken.